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APPROVAL OF LARGE-SCALE UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA

Project title and number:	Staff Development, Abraka (NIR/77/002)
Executing Agency:	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
Government co-operating agency:	College of Education Abraka, Bendel State
Date of approval:	October 1978
Starting date for project operations:	October 1978
Duration:	Two years
Estimated value of the Government input expressed in US dollars:	$ 31 500 (In kind)
Estimated UNDP contribution:	$337 400
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. The College of Education, Abraka, in the Bendel State of Nigeria was originally established as an advanced teacher training college located in a rural area of the Bendel State. It has received UNDP/UNESCO assistance since 1971. The steady increase in student population necessitated a concomitant increase in staff recruitment and staff positions. Most of the college staff lack teacher-training background and many do not have sufficient teaching experience, while others have been teaching for many years but with a limited range of opportunities to update their skills and performances. This makes their effectiveness as "teachers of future teachers" questionable. The human and material resources available make it impractical to meet all the requests for study leave; moreover, the teaching vacancies created by the departure of lecturers on study leave seriously affects the training capacity of the college.

2. The present project intends to offer a wide variety of University-conducted graduate-level in-service courses to participating staff members.

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3. The courses will be instructed by qualified professors engaged from the staffs of Temple University, United States of America, the University of Benin, Nigeria and other recognized Nigerian Universities.

II. The project

4. The long-term objective of the project is to offer post-graduate education and in-service training to a greater number of persons, to meet the objectives of the 1977 National Policy on Education for Nigeria.

5. The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) offer a University in-service training course; (b) upgrade the qualifications of the participants by providing opportunities for them to obtain a Masters Degree in Education; (c) offer courses to other qualified students in the area; and (d) establish the College of Education, Abraka, as a possible prototype centre for this type of programme so that it may be replicated by the University of Benin in other areas throughout the Federation.

6. The expenditure components of the UNDP contribution are as follows:

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Unesco Mission	10 000
Subcontract (Temple University)	327 400
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